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Statement on the Prohibition of Motorized Scooters in District One and Two Boardwalks.

San Diego— I am thoroughly disappointed that the City Council was not able to pass today's proposed emergency and standard ordinances to protect both San Diegans and tourists from being able to safely enjoy our coastal boardwalks. Although the electric scooters provide a great service, we have to be cognizant of their safety impact on our busy beach boardwalks. Our boardwalks experience high pedestrian traffic, which is going to increase drastically during the summer months. Now is the time for sensible and fair regulations which take into consideration the safety of boardwalk patrons as well as the electric scooter riders.

Today's vote does not signal the end to this issue. The standard ordinance has been referred to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee for further discussion. Additionally, as the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee Chair, I will be docketing an item to discuss a potential fee structure that will allow the City to establish necessary bike infrastructure and optimize responsible use of all dockless options at our June 20th meeting.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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